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## Pikes Peak Summit Complex Newsletter September / October 2019

### Majestic & Iconic - and You Can Be Part of It!



Sarah Bryarly and her daughter donate to My Mountain Campaign.

No question about it, Pikes Peak is majestic. And the new Summit Complex is iconic! As residents of the Pikes Peak region, we have a special relationship with Our Mountain, whether it's fishing, hiking, leaf-peeping, or simply enjoying the view. That's why we encourage you to stop by your local Southern Colorado Ent Credit Union location and contribute to the fundraising campaign for the Summit Complex. This is a rare opportunity to be part of something majestic and iconic.

The final phase of the capital campaign is the public phase. Since plans to build a new Pikes Peak Summit Complex were first announced more than five years ago, we've heard from the public, "how can I help, how can I donate?" This final phase of the campaign provides citizens an opportunity to be a part of the project and show pride in Pikes Peak with any contribution.

All donors, regardless of the donation amount, have the option to be recognized on a digital display at the summit of Pikes Peak. Donor forms to claim this recognition are available next to the donation boxes at all Southern Colorado Ent Credit Union service centers. As visible evidence of your personal commitment and support, there are also numerous other donor opportunities to have your gift publicly recognized at the summit based on the amount of your donation.

For other ways to contribute to the Community Campaign, visit [www.givetopikespeak.org](http://www.givetopikespeak.org)

### My Mountain | Don Sanborn



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### CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

- Building mockup for materials testing -Structural window testing was completed in Sept. and passed the stringent requirement for this project. Additionally, the exterior envelope mock-up is in its second revision to coordinate final details of window, waterproofing, steel plate sills and shutter design, expected to be complete in December.
- Concrete foundations are complete.
- Concrete and precast is being transported and placed for the walls through September. Precast will be complete first week of October.
- Permatrak systems for Central and North Permatrak are being installed. Permatrak in the central section will complete this November. The North overlook Permatrak will be completed to approximately 75 percent this season.
- Structural Steel installation for frame and detail roof are nearly complete. Structural steel will be 90 percent complete this season, we will wait until next season to install the roof decking due to the window testing.
- Installation of Vapor barrier, rebar/mesh, and MEP systems (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing) for the plaza, main, and lower levels complete.
- In the near future crews will complete installation of roof slabs, interior slab, and temporary window assemblies which will facilitate the buildout of the mechanical and electrical rooms as well as interior finishes in the level 100 public areas through this winter. All remaining exterior activities will complete next season.



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### KEY 2019 MILESTONE DATES

- Foundations - Early Summer 2019
- Structural Steel - Early Summer 2019
- Concrete Slab Sequence - Early Summer 2019 - Mid-October 2019
- Exteriors - Early Summer 2019 - Late Fall 2019
- Precast - Summer 2019

**"Pikes Peak is my mountain because it is woven into thread of my life and my heritage,"** said Don Sanborn - Pikes Peak Ambassador

Don Sanborn, a second generation Colorado Native, was raised in Cascade, graduated in the Manitou Springs High School class of '77 and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from Colorado State University. Don is past President of the AdAmAn Club. He is married and in his free time likes to run, climb mountains, downhill ski and travel with his wife. Don hales from a family which has been extremely active on Pikes Peak. His Grandfather, Don Lawrie, founded and was first President of the Pikes Peak Ski Club, was the first Superintendent of the Pikes Peak Highway and the only person to drive completely off road to the summit of Pikes Peak. Don's father and Uncle, Frank and Nick Sanborn both raced in the Pikes Peak Hill Climb. Nick won the Stock Car division five times and was the Race CEO for many years.

Don is also Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of Barr Camp, has been on the board of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb, has been Timing Director and Information Management Officer for the Pikes Peak Hill Climb, has been on the Pikes Peak Marathon Race Committee, is President of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb Historical Society and a member of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb Museum Committee. He has served as commissioner of the Pikes Peak Highway Advisory Committee and the Telecommunications Policy Advisory Committee for the City of Colorado Springs.

Thank you Don Sanborn for being an active ambassador and for your family legacy commitment to Pikes Peak - America's Mountain.

Read more about Don Sanborn in the Pikes Peak Courier Article "[A Hill Climb family legacy](#)."

### Despite Mother Nature's Turmoil, We're Working Hard to Avoid Project Delays



Have you seen the cranes at the top of Pikes Peak? They are erected daily when wind speeds are less than 35 mph, and boomed down during extreme weather conditions. As you might guess, strong winds and lightning storms are serious business when you're working on top of a 14,115-foot mountain. This summer, the Pikes Peak Summit Complex lost approximately 10 construction days due to high winds and even more lost time to due to lightning in the area. (For workers' safety, the cranes are boomed down whenever lightning is detected within 10-15 miles of the summit.)

Sticking to the construction timeline on the new Pikes Peak Summit Visitor Center is highly dependent on what happens with the weather over the next couple of weeks. The goal is to have part of the building closed-in by mid-October. Winter is approaching and crews continue to make up for delays caused by severe weather through the summer. The structure has to be closed-in for crews to work inside through the winter.



"If we can get that done, we can heat the building and start installing the plumbing and working on the electrical system," said Bradley Densmore, construction project specialist. "There's a lot of interior work we'll be able to do once the building is closed-in, but there's still a lot of exterior work to finish before that can happen."

Working inside through the winter as opposed to stopping construction until the spring will keep the project on schedule for a late 2020 opening of the new summit house and enabling crews to demolish the old existing summit house in early 2021.

Construction workers by the numbers:  
50 - 60 on site working during the summer  
30 - 40 performing structural and interior work this winter

- Dry in and Winter-Tight - Fall 2019

**Project Completion: Late 2020**

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**A CAMPAIGN FOR THE PIKES PEAK  
SUMMIT COMPLEX**  
Help Build the New Pikes Peak Summit Complex

#### Ways to Contribute:

There are several ways to get involved and give to help us build the summit complex. All gifts are tax-deductible.  
Give online. Online donations can be made at [www.givetopikespeak.org](http://www.givetopikespeak.org).



- Make a physical cash donation at any Southern Colorado Ent Credit Union Service Center in the Pikes Peak region by dropping your loose change into a My Mountain donation box. Are you an Ent member? Transfer funds quickly and easily from your account to the Pikes Peak Summit Complex Account at Ent by calling 719-574-1100 or 800-525-6923.
- Send a check to the Pikes Peak Summit Complex Gift Trust Account, payable to, "City of Colorado Springs - Pikes Peak Summit Complex." Mail to: P.O. Box 1575, MC 060, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.
- Get a tax break through the Pikes Peak Enterprise Zone. To encourage Colorado taxpayers to make contributions to non-profits that make improvements to the [Pikes Peak Enterprise Zone](#), a State Income Tax Credit equal to 25% of monetary contributions is available. Send a check made payable to, "Enterprise Zone." In the Memo include "Pikes Peak Summit Complex" and your Tax ID Number (last 4-digits of Social Security Number, Colorado Account Number or EIN). Mail to: Pikes Peak Summit Complex, P.O. Box 1575, MC 060, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.
- Donate through the [Pikes Peak Community Foundation](#). Send a check made payable to, "The Pikes Peak Community Foundation." In the Memo include "Pikes Peak Summit Complex Fund." Mail to: Pikes Peak Summit Complex, P.O. Box 1575, MC 060, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

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## Audio Tour: Learn More About America's Mountain



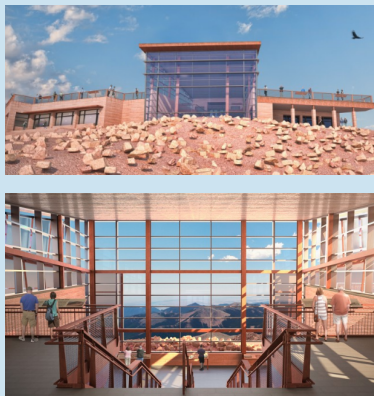
The next time you plan to drive, ride or hike up Pikes Peak, download the Pikes Peak TravelStories before you hit the road. Enjoy the scenic drive and spectacular views while hearing about the history, geology, and recreational opportunities of America's Mountain. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

The Pikes Peak *TravelStory* begins with Pikes Peak Manager Jack Glavan introducing you to the mountain.

*As manager, welcome to America's Mountain. From the 7,800-foot starting point here at the Gateway, this paved road ascends 19 miles to an elevation of 14,115 feet at the summit. Along the way you will be treated to an experience which is miles above the ordinary. We have created this tour to give you a better appreciation of the mountain. You will be introduced to our history, geology, recreation opportunities, and outstanding views with our world-famous donuts waiting at the summit. To start your adventure, begin driving. Audio stories will play automatically as you approach the sites. If capable, the best way to enjoy this tour is by attaching your phone to your car speakers, so everyone in your car can listen.*

*This tour is paced for the 25 miles per hour speed limit. There are plenty of turnouts along the way, and we encourage you to use them to take in the beautiful views; don't worry about interrupting your tour, it's worth the stop to get a better look. The tour will resume whenever you're ready to get back on the route. When the highway to the summit is open, your drive should take about an hour each way. If you can, take your time. Take a picture next to the bigfoot crossing sign at mile three before looking for the legend at Crystal Reservoir. Walk among the alpine wildflowers at Devils Playground, but please stay off the tundra. If it's clear skies, you might see Kansas. Build a snowman in the winter or catch a fish in the summer. Every journey on Pikes Peak is unique. Enjoy your tour of Pikes Peak - America's Mountain presented by the Pikes Peak Rangers.*

## Renderings vs. Actual To-Date



## Get to Know the AdAmAn Club:

### Amazing Facts About this Extraordinary Tradition

Imagine conquering a 14,115-foot mountain in winter. Trudging through cold, deep snow. Maneuvering around cliff edges on icy slopes. Bracing yourself against sub-zero temperatures. Who would do that? The Pikes Peak AdAmAn Club.

The Pikes Peak AdAmAn Club has been a Pikes Peak region tradition since 1922. Nearing its 100th anniversary, the Club is a unique group of mountaineers who, each year on December 30 and 31, climb the icy slopes of Barr Trail on the east face of world famous

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## PIKES PEAK FACT



Sixty years ago Arlene Pieper completed the Pike Peak Marathon. Her feat was almost lost to history, but she is now credited as the first woman to complete a sanctioned marathon (finished in 9 hours and 16 minutes). Decades later, Pieper's accomplishment continues to inspire generations of female runners who want to take on their own mountains. Pieper, now 89, was the official starter for the 2019 Pikes Peak Marathon and Ascent, as well as a presenter during the award ceremonies for the race.

## FEATURES OF THE PIKES PEAK SUMMIT COMPLEX

- Sustainability**  
The new visitor center is poised to live in balance with the unique environmental conditions at the summit. Using sustainable building practices, the complex will offer some of the same experiences by the mountain's first visitors more than 200 years ago, while also enhancing the visitor experience both inside and out.
- Economic Benefits**  
Today, nearly 750,000 visitors arrive at our mountain's summit each year, contributing roughly \$30 million to the local economy. At any given time, as many as 600 visitors may be exploring the summit. Nearly 50,000 visitors hike the Barr Trail to the summit each year.
- Accessibility (ADA Compliance)**  
The peak and new visitor center will be accessible to all, regardless of age or mobility. Visitors have the option to hike to the summit, arrive by bicycle or vehicle traveling the 19-mile Pikes Peak Highway, or ride the Cog Railway, currently closed for reconstruction. The new Pikes Peak Summit Complex will be ADA accessible.
- Outdoor Amenities**  
New indoor dining facilities, an outdoor dining terrace, and an expanded gift shop will entice visitors to browse our collection of books on area history, wildlife, and the environment; pause for refreshments at the café or at an outdoor dining area; and take photographs of the unequalled vistas. Enhanced dining and retail increase earned revenue to support ongoing operations and invite repeat visits.

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Pikes Peak to set off a fireworks display from the summit ushering in the New Year.

The Club is dedicated to the memory of the original "Frozen Five," Ed Morath, Fred Morath, Fred Barr, Willis Magee and Harry Standley. Their idea was that each year, only one new member would be added to the Club, and as a result, the name AdAmAn (add a man) was chosen. The Club chooses one new member a year from a list of applicants.

A climbing party of approximately thirty Club members and guests leaves the trailhead of Barr Trail December 30, with an overnight stay at Barr Camp. On December 31, they flash mirrors from their location at timberline to friends and families in the Colorado Springs area below. In the early afternoon, they finish the ascent to the summit. The climb from timberline (12,000 feet) to the 14,115-foot summit is often accomplished on icy and snow swept slopes with wind chills of minus 50 degrees.

At the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, Club members ignite a spectacular fireworks display, which on a clear night, can be seen for hundreds of miles along the Front Range of the Colorado Rockies and eastern plains.

**AdAmAn Historical Stats:** 97 New Year's Eve Climbs -- 101 Members -- 400 Guest Climbers -- 9,093+ followers

For more information visit: <http://www.adaman.org>



## Summiting Pikes Peak on New Year's Eve: How Did this Crazy Tradition Get Started?

(Information from [AdAmAn Club Website](http://www.adaman.org))

It was the dead of winter, nearly 100 years ago. Five Colorado Springs men wanted to skip the boring New Year's Eve parties and do something unique. Something no one had ever done before. Inspiration hit! On New Year's Eve 1922, they would wade through deep snow, battle frigid temperatures, and test their limits to climb Pikes Peak - and ring in the New Year on the summit.



The weather on December 31 was much like the Christmas snow storm of 1982 that many may remember. Cold weather gear as we know it today was virtually unheard of in this part of the country. The group consisted of five men, Fred and Ed Morath, Fred Barr, Willis Magee and Harry Standley. Fred Morath was actually the "ring-leader" of the group and he was no stranger to the many mountain peaks of Colorado. His brother Ed had a similar personality and together they formed a perfect mischievous and adventure loving team.

Their equipment that day consisted of hobnail boots, breeches, stocking caps, sheepskin coats and silk stockings for face masks. Since the snow was so deep that year they decided to tackle the peak via the Cog Railway Route, which began its operation in 1889. While this was a shorter route, 9 miles compared to the 13 miles on Barr Trail, it was also considerably steeper and more dangerous, with grades as much as 27% in the last two miles.

So that cold December morning these five fun-seekers began their journey up the steep slopes of the Cog Railway tracks, picking up flares along the way left there by railroad workers. At Windy Point, 12,000 feet high conditions were almost impossible as the wind had pushed huge snow drifts over the right of way. One slip might have meant a slide of several hundred feet down into huge boulders.

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For 90+ years, the Club has grown, thrived and become part of the rich heritage of the Pikes Peak region. It is a unique event in all of America. The fireworks display at the stroke of midnight gives the grand old peak a crown of jewels to start the New Year with hope and enthusiasm.

The Pikes Peak AdAmAn Club has certainly come a long way since the club's beginning. Still it is good to know that in our modern time of doing things the easy way, there are still folks who love to get out at this special time of the year and carry on the tradition and heritage left to us by these men, lovingly named the "original Frozen Five."





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